## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION	No. 12-md-2323 (AB)
INJURY LITIGATION	MDL No. 2323
	SHORT FORM COMPLAINT
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:	IN DE MATIONAL POOTPALL
	IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL
Plaintiffs' Master Administrative Long-	LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION
Form Complaint and (if applicable)	INJURY LITIGATION
Jones v. National Football League [et al.],	
No. 2:12-1027 (E.D. Pa.)	
JERMAINE WIGGINS	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

# **SHORT FORM COMPLAINT**

- 1. Plaintiff(s), **JERMAINE WIGGINS**, (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse)
  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, bring(s) this civil action as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE:

  NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION,

  MDL No. 2323.
- 2. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) is/are filing this short form complaint as required by this Court's Case Management Order No. 2, filed April 26, 2012.
- 3. Plaintiff (and, if applicable Plaintiff's Spouse), incorporate(s) by reference the allegations (as designated below) of the Master Administrative Long-Form Complaint, as may be amended, as if fully set forth at length in this Short Form Complaint.

4.	[Fill in if applicable] Pl	aintiff is filing this case in a re	epresentative capacity as the
	of	, having	g been duly appointed as the
	by the	Court of	(Cross out
sentence bel	ow if not applicable.) Cop	pies of the Letters of Administ	ration/Letters Testamentary
for a wrongf	rul death claim are annexed	hereto if such Letters are requ	rired for the commencement
of such a cl	aim by the Probate, Surro	egate or other appropriate cou	rt of the jurisdiction of the
<del>decedent.</del>			

- 5. Plaintiff, **JERMAINE WIGGINS** is a resident and citizen of **Massachusetts** and claims damages as set forth below.
- 6. [Fill in if applicable] Plaintiff's spouse, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is a resident and citizen of \_\_\_\_\_\_ and claims damages as a result of loss of consortium proximately caused by the harm suffered by her Plaintiff husband/decedent.
- 7. On information and belief, the Plaintiff (or decedent) sustained repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts during NFL games and/or practices. On information and belief, Plaintiff suffers (or decedent suffered) from symptoms of brain injury caused by the repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts the Plaintiff (or decedent) sustained during NFL games and/or practices. On information and belief, the Plaintiff's (or decedent's) symptoms arise from injuries that are latent and have developed and continue to develop over time.
- 8. [Fill in if applicable] The original complaint by Plaintiff(s) in this matter was filed in the **United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida**. If the case is

remanded, it should be remanded to United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

	9.	Plaintiff claims damages as a result of [check all that apply]:						
		✓ Injury to Herself/Himself						
		Injury to the Person Represente	d					
		Wrongful Death						
		Survivorship Action						
		✓ Economic Loss						
		Loss of Services						
		Loss of Consortium						
	<del>10.</del>	[Fill in if applicable] As a re	esult of the injuries to her husband					
		, Plaintiff's Spouse,	, suffers from a loss of					
onso	<del>rtium, i</del>	including the following injuries:						
	<u>—los</u>	ss of marital services;						
	<u>— lo</u>	ess of companionship, affection or society	<del>.</del> <del>.</del> <del>.</del> <del>.</del> <del>.</del>					
	<u>— lo</u>	ess of support; and						
	<u>mc</u>	onetary losses in the form of unreimburse	d costs she has had to expend for the					
	health care and personal care of her husband.							

11. [Check if applicable] \_\_\_\_ Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) reserve(s) the right to object to federal jurisdiction.

<u>DEFENDANTS</u>						
12.	Plainti	ff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) bring(s) this case against the				
following Det	fendants	in this action [check all that apply]:				
	<u>√</u>	National Football League				
	<u>✓</u>	NFL Properties, LLC				
		Riddell, Inc.				
		All American Sports, Inc. (d/b/a Riddell Sports Group, Inc.)				
		Riddell Sports Group, Inc.				
		Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.				
		Easton-Bell Sports, LLC				
	_	EB Sports Corporation				
	_	RBG Holdings Corporation				
13.	[ <del>Checl</del>	where applicable] As to each of the Riddell Defendants referenced above,				
the claims ass	serted ar	e: design defect; informational defect; manufacturing defect.				
14.	[Checl	c if applicable] The Plaintiff (or decedent) wore one or more helmets				
designed and	<del>or man</del>	ufactured by the Riddell Defendants during one or more years Plaintiff (or				
<del>decedent) pla</del>	<del>yed in tl</del>	ne NFL and/or AFL.				

15. Plaintiff played in [check if applicable] ✓ the National Football League ("NFL") and/or in [check if applicable] \_\_\_\_ the American Football League ("AFL") during 2000 to 2006 for the following teams: Minnesota Vikings, Carolina Panthers, Indianapolis Colts, New England Patriots and New York Jets.

## **CAUSES OF ACTION**

	16.	Plaintiff	herein	adopts	by	refe	erence	the	follow	ing	Counts	of	the	Mas	ter
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referei	nce in th	ose Coun	ts [check	c all that	appl	ly]:									

<u>✓</u>	Count I (Action for Declaratory Relief – Liability (Against the NFL))
<u>√</u>	Count II (Medical Monitoring (Against the NFL))
	Count III (Wrongful Death and Survival Actions (Against the NFL))
<u>√</u>	Count IV (Fraudulent Concealment (Against the NFL))
<u>√</u>	Count V (Fraud (Against the NFL))
<u>√</u>	Count VI (Negligent Misrepresentation (Against the NFL))
	Count VII (Negligence Pre-1968 (Against the NFL))
<u>√</u>	Count VIII (Negligence Post-1968 (Against the NFL))
	Count IX (Negligence 1987-1993 (Against the NFL))
<u>√</u>	Count X (Negligence Post-1994 (Against the NFL))
	Count XI (Loss of Consortium (Against the NFL and Riddell Defendants))

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	✓	Count XII (Negligent Hiring (Against the NFL))
	✓	Count XIII (Negligent Retention (Against the NFL))
	_	Count XIV (Strict Liability for Design Defect (Against the Riddell Defendants))
		Count XV (Strict Liability for Manufacturing Defect (Against the Riddell Defendants))
	_	Count XVI (Failure to Warn (Against the Riddell Defendants))
	_	Count XVII (Negligence (Against the Riddell Defendants))
	<u>√</u>	Count XVIII (Civil Conspiracy/Fraudulent Concealment (Against All-the NFL Defendants))
17.		Plaintiff asserts the following additional causes of action [write in or attach]:

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) pray(s) for judgment as follows:

- A. An award of compensatory damages, the amount of which will be determined at trial;
- B. For punitive and exemplary damages as applicable;
- C. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
- D. For medical monitoring, whether denominated as damages or in the form of equitable relief;
- E. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;
- F. An award of prejudgment interest and costs of suit; and
- G. An award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

#### **JURY DEMANDED**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiff(s) hereby demand(s) a trial by jury.

DATED: this 11th day of July, 2012.

#### RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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